

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

March 24, 2019

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

We believe only the soul that ventilates the world with tenderness has any chance of changing it. We belong to each other.

(Father Greg Boyle, Founder and Director of Homeboy Industries)

We ask that you put your electronic devices in “worship mode” by turning off all ringers. Join us in a time of quiet during the prelude.

Today we have spoken and written candles. If you would like to have your joy or sorrow shared out loud in the prayer but prefer not to light a spoken candle, write it on a bright pink card (in your pew rack) and put it in the basket on the candle table or in the offering box.

Prelude Sonatina, Op. 36, No.6: Allegro con Spirito (Muzio Clementi)

Call to Worship Open My Heart (Henry S. Flurry) Children's Choir

Welcome and Announcements Kaitlin Kramer, Worship Leader

***Hymn** *I Am Willing (Holly Near)*

I am open and I am willing
For to be hopeless would seem so strange
It dishonors those who go before us
So lift me up to the light of change

There is hurting in my family
There is sorrow in my town
There is panic all across the nation
There is wailing the whole world round (chorus)

May the children see more clearly
May the elders be more wise
May the winds of change caress us
Even though they burn our eyes (chorus)

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion
Give me a desert to hold my fears
Give me a sunset to hold my wonder
Give me an ocean to hold my tears (chorus)

Chalice Lighting Christina Andriole

Response Hymn *(please remain seated)* #123
Spanish trans. Rev. Lilia Cuervo and Ervin Barrios

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;
Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.
Arrágame, libérame,
Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me

A Time for All Generations Here We Are: Notes for Living on Earth
by Oliver Jeffers

Anthem Children's Wisdom (Brandy Sinco) – Children's Choir

Singing the Children, Youth and Teachers to Religious Education
Children's Blessing (*First UU Nashville Youth Choir*)

May your mind be open to new learning
May your lips bring truth into the world
May your heart know love,
and your hands do the work of justice
As you go your way in peace
As you go your way in peace

Candles of Celebration and Concern

You are invited to come forward, introduce yourself, briefly share a personal and heartfelt joy or sorrow, light your candle from the chalice and place it on the candle table. Before you speak, please take a moment to gather your thoughts into one or two sentences.

Sung Prayer When the World is Sick (If Not Now)

When the world is sick,
can't no one be well,
but I dreamt we was all beautiful and strong.

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Sonatina, Op. 36, No 7; Andantino (Muzio Clementi)

Sermon Radical Hospitality: Notes for Living on Planet Earth
Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** We're All Swimming to the Other Side (Pat
Humphries, Sandy O) Insert

***Sung Benediction** Carry the Flame (Patricia Pavey)
Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.
Oh, carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Postlude Sonatina, Op. 36, No. 7: Presto (Muzio Clementi)
*(You are invited to come light a candle silently during the Postlude.
We ask the congregation to remain seated in quiet witness until the
last candle is lit. If you are not able to stay, we understand and
please leave as quietly as you are able.)*

***Please stand as you are able**

*Large Print Hymnals, Sunday Bulletins and Assisted Listening Devices
are available at the sanctuary doors.*

Today's flowers are given by Deb and Rob Busser in celebration of
their mothers whose birthdays are both in March.

Greeters: Nancy & Margaret Burdine, Suzanne Nelson
Ushers: Kathleen Cahhahan, Melissa Wood
Coffee Hour Hosts: Isabel Conners, Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

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Artwork by Natalie Andriole-Sturm

A Warm Welcome to All!

There is childcare for infants and toddlers through age three years beginning at 9:50 AM on the second floor of the East Wing and you are welcome to take children there at any time during the service. There are quiet toys in the soft fabric pouches and picture books in each pew. The service is also broadcast downstairs in the large room beneath us if anyone needs to take a break.

“We are a community seeking to deepen spiritually, to take care of one another, and to be a blessing to the world.”

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and our Facebook page at First Parish Church of Groton, MA